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POWERLOOM CLOTH PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage share of powerloom cloth manufactured of the total cloth manufactured during each of the last three years;

(b) the number of shuttleless looms available in the country as on date and required during mid-term plan for expansion of the sector, separately;

(c) the state of availability of manufactured shuttleless looms in the country;

(d) whether the Government proposes to empower weavers to import automatic shuttleless looms to complete successfully in international market; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) Powerloom sector contributes about 62% of total cloth production. The details of production for the last 3 years are as under:-

Year	Total production of cloth (in mn. sq. mtr.)	Production from powerloom (in mn. sq. mtr.)	Percentage of production by powerloom
2003-04	42383	26947	64%
2004-05	45378	28325	62%
2005-06 (Provisional)	49008	30254 (Provisional)	62%

(b) As on 30-6-2006, approximately 48,421 shuttleless looms are working in the country, out of which the share of decentralised powerloom sector is 32000. It is estimated that about 50000 additional shuttleless looms are required to be installed by 2009-10, to meet the projected cloth production.

(c) :The total manufacturing capacity of shuttleless looms in the country is around 1200 only.

(d) & (e) : There is no restriction for the powerloom units for the import of shuttleless looms to compete successfully in the international market.

For modernization of textile and decentralised powerloom sector, the Government has launched Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS), which provides reimbursement of 5% interest on loans. An additional option has been given to decentralised powerloom sector to avail of 20% Credit Linked Capital Subsidy (CLCS) under the scheme, in lieu of 5% interest reimbursement. The capital ceiling for machinery has been increased from Rs. 60.00 lakh to Rs. 1.00 crore for decentralized powerloom sector. The vintage of second hand imported shuttleless loom has been increased from 10 years to 15 years with residual life of minimum 10 years under the scheme.